

# ORIGINAL

## RESOLUTION NO. 193

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, EXPRESSING THE CITY'S OPPOSITION TO STATE OF WASHINGTON INITIATIVE 776, WHICH WOULD REPEAL THE MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX THAT IS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE TO LOCAL TRANSIT AGENCIES, ELIMINATE THE LOCAL VOTER-APPROVED MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX OPTION FOR HIGH CAPACITY TRANSIT THAT FUNDS SOUND TRANSIT PROJECTS, REPEAL THE VEHICLE LICENSE FEE THAT IS CURRENTLY COLLECTED IN FOUR COUNTIES TO FUND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS, AND REQUIRE LICENSE TAB FEES TO BE \$30 PER YEAR.**

WHEREAS, State of Washington Initiative 776 (I-776) has been certified for the November 5, 2002, ballot; and

WHEREAS, I-776 would attempt to repeal existing local motor vehicle excise taxes and vehicle license fees that are used for local transportation projects supported by the people of Shoreline, including taxes that have received voter approval; and

WHEREAS, the restoration and maintenance of the City of Shoreline's transportation system is already reliant on General Fund revenues for 50% of its funding; and

WHEREAS, I-776 would eliminate approximately \$500,000 from the City's annual budget received from King County as the City of Shoreline's share of the local vehicle license fee designated for local transportation improvements; and

WHEREAS, passage of I-776 would likely result in immediate cuts in transportation services provided by the City of Shoreline; and

WHEREAS, the impact of I-776 would extend to all corners of the State of Washington, directly eliminating the existing \$15.00 per year vehicle license fee levied in Douglas, King, Snohomish and Pierce counties, and would effectively preclude any local motor vehicle excise tax option in the immediate future for high capacity transit services in any part of the state; and

WHEREAS, the financial impact of I-776 on the four counties that currently levy the \$15.00 per year vehicle license fee for local transportation improvements would be a combined loss of \$203 million of King, Pierce, Snohomish and Douglas counties for the next five years; and

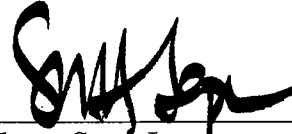
WHEREAS, the voters of the City of Shoreline rejected previous ballot measures to reduce motor vehicle excise taxes including Initiative 695 in 1999;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON AS FOLLOWS:**

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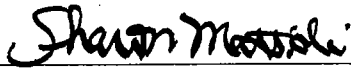
**Section 1.** The City Council of the City of Shoreline hereby declares their opposition to State of Washington Initiative 776 and encourages voters to vote "no" on Initiative 776 at the November 5, 2002 State General Election.

**ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON September 23, 2002.**



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Mayor Scott Jepsen

**ATTEST:**



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Sharon Mattioli, CMC  
City Clerk